



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Loquat

Eriobotrya japonica

DESCRIPTION: The loquat is indigenous to southeastern China. It was introduced into Japan and became naturalized there in very early times. It is a large evergreen shrub or small tree with a rounded crown. The tree can grow 20 to 30 ft. high, but 10' is a more likely height in Arizona.

RECOMMENDED USE: Loquats are easy to grow and are often used as an ornamental. Their boldly textured foliage add a tropical look to the garden and contrast well with many other plants. Good in a garden situation or as a patio tree.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Good to 15°F when established.



Sun tolerance: Full morning sun to all-day moderate shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use.



Soil requirements: Best in deeper soils.



Pruning: Lightly, as needed. Fruit fall can be messy at certain times of the year.